



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION I

J. F. KENNEDY FEDERAL BUILDING, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02203

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CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

V.A. Forte, General Manager  
CRYOVAC  
W.R. Grace & Co., Inc.  
369 Washington Street  
Woburn, MA 01801

Re: Request for information pursuant to §3007 of  
the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act,  
42 U.S.C. §6927.

Dear Mr. Forte:

The Environmental Protection Agency and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Quality Engineering are presently investigating problems of hazardous waste contamination in the city of Woburn. One aspect of this investigation has focused on the potential cause or causes of the contamination of two wells in East Woburn. In the course of this investigation, certain information has come to the attention of this agency that warrants further inquiry relative to activities that may have occurred at 369 Washington Street, Woburn, Massachusetts.

Please be advised that these questions are being asked pursuant to the authority of Section 3007 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"), 42 U.S.C. §6927. Pursuant to this authority, CRYOVAC is hereby requested to furnish the following information.

1. List all products ever manufactured by W.R. Grace and/or any subsidiary, branch, and/or division at 369 Washington Street, Woburn, Massachusetts.
2. List any and all chlorinated solvents ever generated, used, or otherwise kept by W.R. Grace and/or any subsidiary, branch, and/or division at the 369 Washington Street, Woburn, Massachusetts, location.

3. Identify which, if any, of the following chemicals have ever been generated, used, or otherwise kept at the 369 Washington Street, Woburn, Massachusetts, location by W.R. Grace and/or any subsidiary, branch, and/or division:

- a. 1,2-trans-dichloroethylene
- b. trichloroethylene
- c. tetrachloroethylene
- d. toluene
- e. chloroform
- f. 1,1,1-trichloroethane
- g. methylene chloride
- h. 1,1-dichloroethylene
- i. acetone
- j. methyl isopropyl ketone
- k. benzene
- l. chlorobenzene

4. For each chemical listed in response to question 3, list all methods of disposal used for each prior to November 19, 1980.

5. For each chemical listed in response to question 3, list all methods of disposal used for each since November 19, 1980.

6. At any time, past or present, has there been any aboveground or underground storage tank(s), vessel(s), or container(s) at the 369 Washington Street, Woburn, Massachusetts, location of W.R. Grace and/or any subsidiary, branch, and/or division?

7. If the answer to question 6 is yes, please state:

- a. the nature and type of such tank(s) or vessel(s), including its capacity and construction;
- b. the materials stored in such tank(s); and
- c. the approximate location of such tank(s) or vessel(s) on the property.

8. Did such tank(s) or vessel(s) ever rupture, spill, or otherwise lose its contents?

9. If the answer to question 8 is yes, please describe in detail the circumstances surrounding the rupture, spill, or leak, including, but not limited to:

- a. the date or dates such activity occurred;
- b. the cause of such rupture, spill or leak; and
- c. any action taken following this spill activity (e.g., any clean-up, removal, etc.).

10. Did W.R. Grace and/or any subsidiary, branch, and/or division at 369 Washington Street, Woburn, Massachusetts, ever dig, or hire someone to dig, any holes, trenches, pits, or any other excavation at 369 Washington Street, Woburn, Massachusetts?

11. If the answer to question 10 is yes, please state:

- a. the approximate date or dates when such excavation(s) took place;
- b. the purpose of such excavation(s);
- c. the individual and/or company hired to do such excavation(s);
- d. the approximate location on the property of such excavation(s).

12. Were these pits, trenches, or other excavated areas ever used to dispose, dump, or otherwise hold any waste materials?

13. If the answer to question 12 is yes, or if waste materials were disposed by W.R. Grace and/or any subsidiary, branch, and/or division at 369 Washington Street, Woburn, Massachusetts, in any unexcavated area of the property, please state:

- a. the nature, type and chemical name of materials disposed, including, but not limited to, any liquid wastes or chlorinated solvents or sludges;
- b. the approximate dates on which such disposal took place or, alternatively, the length of time any excavated or unexcavated portions of the property were used for the disposal of materials;
- c. the type, if any, of containers such wastes were contained in at the time of disposal; and
- d. the location(s) of such disposal.

14. Has W.R. Grace and/or any subsidiary, branch, and/or division at 369 Washington Street, Woburn, Massachusetts, ever analyzed, or hired or requested anyone else to analyze, samplings from any wells, groundwater, or tap water?

15. If the answer to question 14 is yes, please state:

- a. what tests were performed;
- b. the results of such tests;

- c. the origin of the samples tested; and
- d. the approximate date of such tests.

Please submit your responses to the above questions to:

Director, Enforcement Division  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
John F. Kennedy Federal Building, Room 2103  
Boston, Massachusetts 02203  
Attn: RCRA Compliance Clerk

Failure to respond to the above request within fourteen (14) days of receipt of this letter, or to adequately justify such failure to respond, may result in enforcement action by EPA.

This information request is not subject to the approval requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, 44 U.S.C. §3501 et seq.

You may, if you desire, assert a business confidentiality claim covering part or all of the information requested, in the manner described by 40 C.F.R. §2.203(b), 41 Fed. Reg. 36907 (September 1, 1976). Information covered by such a claim will be disclosed by EPA only to the extent, and by means of the procedures, set forth in 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B, 41 Fed. Reg. 36906-36918 (September 1, 1976). If no such claim accompanies the information when it is received by EPA, it may be made available to the public by EPA without further notice to you. You should read the above-cited regulations carefully before asserting a business confidentiality claim, since certain categories of information are not properly the subject of such a claim.

If you have any questions, please call attorney Lauren Stiller Rikleen at (617) 223-5470.

Sincerely,



Leslie Carothers  
Deputy Regional Administrator

cc: William St. Hilaire, MA DEQE